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1. REF A TO OUR KNOWLEDGE WAS FIRST INDICATION OF ROC SALE OF 81 MM FUZES TO PHILIPPINES WITHOUT USG CONSENT.
2. REFS B-E IDENTIFY MATERIEL AND QUANTITY.
3. COMBINED SERVICE FORCES (CSF) OFFICIALS CONFIRM SALE IN LATE

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CY74 OF TWENTY THOUSAND M37A1B1 FUZES (LISTED PRICE: \$1.90 EACH;

LEAD TIME: 2MONTHS) TO GROP FOR RENOVATION OF 81 MM MORTAR AMMUNITION. USG CONSENT TO SALE WAS NOT REQUESTED. CSF STATES THAT FUZES WERE PRODUCED WITH EQUIPMENT COMMERCIALY PURCHASED IN 1949 FROM U.S. FIRMS. SOURCE AND COST FO FUZE TECHNICAL DATA PACKAGE (TDP), IF ANY, CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM AVAILABLE RECORDS. THE PURCHASE PREDATES THE US/ROC MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT OF 1951 (MAA 51), AND THUS THERE IS NO APPARENT REQUIREMENT FOR GROC ZYUKLEST AYVEWCO,SENT OR TO PAY ROYALTY FEES ON FUZE TRANSACTION. SO FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, NEITHER MAP-NOR FMS - FURNISHED TECHNICAL DATA OR EQUIPMENT ARE INVOLVED.

4. ON BASIS INFORMATION AVAILABE HERE, ROC-PRODUCED M37A1B1 FUZE RESEMBLES UWS. M52 SERIES FUZE, WHICH IS OBSOLETE, NO LONGER PRODUCED, AND NOT OFFECRD BY U.S. FOR THIRD COUNTRY SALES. M52 FUZE WAS SUSPENDED FROM USE AS UNSAFE BY U.S. ARMY ABOUT 1953. IF WAS REPLACED BY M525 FUZE, WHICH IS OFFERED (REF F) BY U.S. (US\$4.00 EACH; LEAD TIME: 2YEARS)

5. TO PROVIDE CSF CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE M37A1B1 FUZE, SOME 44 ITEMS OF PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT, COSTING CSF ABOUT US\$483,000, WERE PURCHASED IN 1949 FROM THE FOLLOWING U.S. COMPANIES:

- A. WALKER AND TURNER
- B. BROWN AND SHARPE
- C. F. J. STOCNES
- D. WATSON STILLMAN

COSTS FOR TOOLING, GAGES, AND DIES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE FIGURE.

6. WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT ABOVE INFORMATION GIVEN US BY CSF.

7. THROUGHH DISCUSSION AND SEVERAL LETTERS OVER PAST 18 MONTHS, ROC OFFICIALS AT NATIONAL MILITARY LEVEL (MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE) AND AMMO PRODUCTION CONTROL AND SALES LEVEL (CSF) HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY ADVISED BY USG POLICY REGARDING THIRD COUNTRY SALES. ROC OFFICIALS INDICATE UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. POSITION ON THIRD COUNTRY SALES, AND THEIR INTENTION TO ADHERE TO U.S. REQUIREMENTS
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8. BASED ON AVAILABLE INFORMATION, IT APPEARS TO US THAT USG DOES NOT HAVE SOUND BASIS TO ASSERT A CONSENT PREROGATIVE OR ASK ROYALTY RE SALE OF ROC-PRODUCED M37A1B1 MORTAR AMMO FUZES TO PHILLIPPINES.
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